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July 20, 2005

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Mr. Charles L.A. Terreni Chief Clerk/Administrator South Carolina Public Service Commission 101 Executive Center Dr., Suite 100 Columbia, SC 29210

Re:

Application of Haig Point Utility Company, Inc. for Approval of an Adjustment in Rates and Charges for Water and Sewer Services

Docket No. 2005-34-W/S

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Enclosed for filing please find the original and twenty five (25) copies each of the Settlement Agreement and Joint Motion Requesting Approval of Settlement Agreement in the above-referenced matter. Please date stamp one copy and return it to me via our courier.

We have served same on all parties of record and enclose a Certificate of Service to that effect.

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

Wendy B. Cartledge
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Enclosures

cc: G. Trenholm Walker, Esquire (w/enclosures)

John F. Beach, Esquire (w/enclosures)

Laura J. Evans, Esquire (w/enclosures)

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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Adjustment in Rates and Charges)	APPROVAL OF	()7
For Water and Sewer Services)	SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT	
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COMES NOW the Office of Regulatory Staff of South Carolina ("ORS"), Haig Point Club and Community Association, Inc. ("HPCCA"), and Haig Point Utility Company, Inc. ("HPUC") (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Parties" or sometimes individually as a "Party."), being all of the parties of record in the above-captioned proceeding, and hereby move jointly the South Carolina Public Service Commission ("Commission") for an order approving the following:

- Accepting the Settlement Agreement attached hereto into the record in the above-captioned case and approving the Settlement Agreement as fair and reasonable;
- 2. Ordering that the (i) HPUC proposed rates are fair and reasonable and allow HPUC to continue to provide its customers with adequate water and wastewater service and that the proposed rates also promote the conservation of water resources, (ii) finding that the use of the complete system analysis to develop the proposed rates is a fair

and equitable method for the purposes of this proceeding and this settlement, (iii) HPUC comply with the recommendations of ORS witness Dawn M. Hipp by increasing its performance bonds in the amount of \$350,000 for water and \$350,000 for sewer; maintaining accurate records of consumer service complaints and resolution of complaints; making rates, rules, regulations, maps and plans available for public inspection within its service territory; including language on customer bills concerning the customer's right to file complaints with the Commission and reporting all DHEC violations and alleged violations to the Commission.

WHEREFORE, having fully set forth its joint motion, the Parties request that the Commission issue an order (i) approving the Settlement Agreement, and (ii) finding that (a) the HPUC proposed rates are fair and reasonable and allow HPUC to continue to provide its customers with adequate water and wastewater service and that the proposed rates also promote the conservation of water resources, (b) finding that the complete system analysis to develop the proposed rates is a fair and equitable method for the purposes of this proceeding and this settlement (c) requiring HPUC to comply with the recommendations of ORS witness Dawn M. Hipp by increasing its performance bonds in the amount of \$350,000 for water and \$350,000 for sewer; maintaining accurate records of consumer service complaints and resolution of complaints; making rates, rules, regulations, maps and plans available for public inspection within its service territory; including language on customer bills concerning the customer's right to file complaints with the Commission and reporting all DHEC violations and alleged violations to the Commission.

WE AGREE:

Representing and binding the Office of Regulatory Staff:

Wendy B. Cartledge July 20, 2005 Florence P. Belser, Esquire

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WE AGREE:

Representing and binding the Haig Point Club and Community Association, Inc.:

John F. Beach, Esquire 20,2005

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WE AGREE:

Representing and binding the Haig Point Utility Company, Inc.

Laura J Evans, Esquire Pratt-Thomas Epting Walker

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THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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IN RE: Application of Haig Point Utility)	
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Adjustment in Rates and Charges)	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
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This is to certify that I, Wendy Cartledge, an employee with the Office of Regulatory Staff, have this date served one (1) copy of the SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND JOINT MOTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT in the above-referenced matter to the person(s) named below by causing said copy to be deposited in the United States Postal Service, first class postage prepaid and affixed thereto, and addressed as shown below:

G. Trenholm Walker, Esquire Laura J. Evans, Esquire Pratt-Thomas, Epting & Walker, P.A. Post Office Drawer 22247 Charleston, SC 29413

> John F. Beach, Esquire Ellis, Lawhorne & Sims, P.A. 1501 Main Street, 5th Floor Columbia, SC 29202

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July 20, 2005 Columbia, South Carolina